

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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TWENTY YEAR PLAN FOR SPACE DISCOVERIES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate second / third twenty-year-plan of Space discoveries in the light of the achievements of the first twenty-year-plan of space discoveries; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The Government have drawn-up a long-term plan for the Space Research Programme identifying the goals, programme directions and technology requirements for the next two decades (upto 2020).

(b) The overall thrust of the Space Programme during the next two decades will be to sustain and strengthen the space based services in a self-reliant manner towards socio-economic development of the country and develop the space technology capabilities in the areas of Satellites, Launch Vehicles and associated ground segments for national development. The programme envisaged encompasses development of advanced launch vehicle systems including re-usable launch vehicles; developing capabilities in space communications towards meeting the developmental needs in the areas of education and literacy, health-care, rural development and disaster management support; maintain the leadership in earth observation systems with enhanced imaging capabilities for natural resource management applications; and undertake front ranking research in the areas of Space science, Astronomy and planetary exploration.